

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 2, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraphs.

--        However, when providing the insulant material 5 for insulating a plurality of probes partially at the measurement point of the electrical characteristics of the portion of the base 4 which come in contact with the works W, steps may be generated on the base 4 by the insulant material 5. ~~Following~~ The following measures are taken to eliminate the steps on the base 4. That is, a spacer is used or a machining is applied to equalize the height of the insulant material 5 and that of the portion other than the insulant material 5 of the base 4.

          However, even if the machining is applied, it is difficult to eliminate steps between the insulant material 5 and the portion other than the insulant material 5 because the hardness and the viscosity of the materials of the insulant material 5 and the portion other than the insulant material 5 are different from each other. Since the insulant material 5 has to be built in the base 4 without generating any steps, a built-in technique with high accuracy is needed whereby another problem arises that a manufacturing cost becomes expensive. Further, the insulant material 5 and the portion other than the insulant material 5 are worn out ~~with~~ by using the work transfer apparatus 1, and steps may

be generated between the insulant material 5 and the portion other than the insulant material 5 because of the difference ~~of~~ in their ~~wear-out degrees~~ degree of wear. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- In the work transfer apparatus, the insulant material portion may be made of a single material ~~of the~~ insulant material.  
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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- The base 4 is composed of an insulant material portion 8 which is positioned proximally to the turn table 3 and is formed of an insulant material 5 constituting an upper surface of the base 4, and a ~~holding~~ holding portion 9 made of steel for holding the insulant material portion 8. The insulant material portion 8 extends the entire peripheral portion of the base 4 which comes in contact with the works W and has a ringed shape when being viewed from ~~the~~ above. Thus, the works W contact only the insulant material portion 8 of the base 4. The probing detector 6 is provided in the base 4 below a measurement point of the works W in the work-storing pockets 2. The probing detector 6 is disposed to pass through a hole portion 7 provided in the insulant material

portion 8 constituting the base 4 which also serves as a guide. The probing detector 6 also passes through a hole 9a of the insulant material holding portion 9 so that the probing detector 6 does not come in contact with the insulant material holding portion 9. An index guide 13 having an inlet 13a and an outlet 13b is provided on the base 4 along the outer peripheral of the turn table 3. The index guide 13 prevents the works W from being scattered when the turn table 3 is rotated. The control motor 12 is attached to the insulant material holding portion 9 of the base 4 through a bearing 17. The table drive shaft 11 is held by the bearing 17 through a first bearing 14a and a second bearing 14b. The table drive shaft 11 has a nut 16 fixed thereto for holding the second bearing 14b. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 29 through page 5, line 36 through page 6, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph.

-- During this process, the works W contact the upper surface of the base 4, or the upper surface of the insulant material portion 8. Since an entire portion of the insulant material portion 8 of the base 4 which comes in contact with the works W is made of single material of the insulant material 5, the insulant material portion 8 is uniformly worn out so that no step is generated at the portion of the base 4 which comes in contact

with the works W. Thus, there is no need for considering a difference of wear-out ~~degrees~~ degree of materials when ~~the~~ different ~~ones~~ materials are used. --